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Dear Colonel Cottrell:

FORTHCOMING DOE ACTIVITIES & PROGRAM CHANGES

This is to inform you about forthcoming activities and possible changes to the DOE's program in the Pacific which we believe may have an impact upon the DOE-USAKA (USASSDC) relationship.

You are no doubt aware that DOE intends to open up its Marshall Islands medical program ... a program that has been operated for DOE by Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) for four decades... to competitive bidding. The bidding process is already underway and, as part of that process, I will be conducting a group of interested bidders through the Marshall Islands between September 20-29, 1997.

I plan to visit USAKA in advance, between August 26-29, to review a number of matters with you and/or your staff related to possible changes to the DOE's program, to mutually assess the impact these may have on our existing MOU and support agreement, and to arrange the Kwajalein/USAKA portion of the itinerary for the September trip. I am particularly interested in meeting with any key staff you identify, with your COTR, and the Logistics Support Contractor and its administrators/key hospital personnel to discuss program & hospital support impacts. I also hope we can progress further with our plans to exchange space use at Kwajalein & Hickam AFB, respectively. (For your information, the 15th. ABW Interagency Support Agreement (ISA) has completed the USAF's internal processing and is with our management in Nevada for final signature).

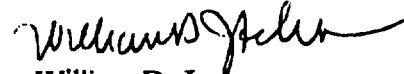
In regards to the bidders' group which we will sponsor at USAKA, September 23-24, we expect from 10-12 visitors. The visit will last just over twenty-four hours and will include a fast trip to Mejatto Island. This group will be principally interested in visiting our medical facilities, the Kwajalein Hospital, and in meeting with Dr. Lindborg to learn firsthand, what medical services are provided in support of the DOE's program. They also will need to be briefed by other USAKA elements providing support (transportation, billeting, etc.).

I also wish to inform you that DOE, through BNL, will conduct and operate its regular, Fall medical mission at Kwajalein between October 15-November 14, 1997. Any change in DOE

contractors likely will not be effective until, at the earliest, the Spring of 1998.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on these important matters as they may affect our program in the Pacific.

Sincerely yours,



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